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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTIONCommissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action in the above-referenced application, mailed 2 October 2002, and having a shortened one-month statutory period for response. Accordingly, a one-month extension of time to respond is requested, and

the petition and fee therefor accompanies this paper.

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